



Leola School District #44-2



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April 30, 2015

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Petition for Waiver of E-rate Funding Year 2015 Form 471 Filing Deadline submitted on behalf of the Leola School District 44-2, Leola, South Dakota; Entity # 134225

Dear Secretary Dortch:

The Leola School District 44-2, located in Leola, South Dakota, respectfully requests the FCC to grant a waiver of the April 16th filing deadline for submitting Form 471 applications for funding for the upcoming E-rate funding year 2015. Specifically, the District submitted Form 471 Application #1049827 on April 30, 2015.

Our District personnel who previously handled E-rate resigned prior to the E-rate filing period for FY 2015. There was no one in our District with any E-rate experience or knowledge. Our curriculum director and technology director have tried to get up to speed on E-rate requirements but found that they had missed the deadline for submitting a Form 470 application in time to be able to submit a Form 471 application by the April 16th deadline.

After conferring with our State E-rate Coordinator we submitted a Form 470 on March 31 with an allowable contract date of April 28, 2015. We have submitted our Form 471 application today on April 30, 2015.

We intend to continue to learn about E-rate and will strive to meet all forthcoming deadlines. We hope that you will agree that approving this waiver is in the public interest and consistent with prior year precedent. Thank you for considering this request.

Respectfully,

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